

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Section headings have been added to the specification.

In response to the objection to the drawings, the noted subject of original claims 9 and 11 has been removed from the claims.

In response to the objection to claim 15, the noted limitation has been removed from the claims.

Claim 1-15 have been canceled and replaced by new claims 16-25, which read on the previously-elected species. The new claims are substantially identical to claims of the corresponding European application.

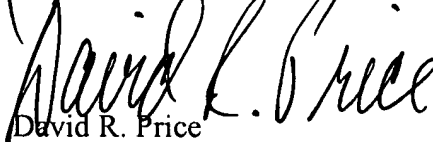
New independent claim 16 specifies a fence with interlocked components comprising: a plurality of upright spaced apart posts (8) each post (8) comprising a first component; at least one cross rail (9) extending between two posts (8), said cross rail (9) comprising a second component; and a plurality of third components (11, 12); the first, second and third components all being of tubular plastics material; the first (8) and second (9) components fitting together by one of the components (9) fitting into a first opening in the other component (8) and the one of the components having a second opening which lies within the hollow interior of the other component (8) ; and one of the third components (11, 12) being forced into said second opening, to lie within the other component (8), abutting the inner wall of the other component (8) thus locking all the components together.

This fence construction exhibits unexpected features relating to the strength and resilience of the product. It has been found in practice that the fence can be used very successfully as a traffic barrier or a pedestrian barrier. Because of the way in which several tubular components of plastic material interlock, the fence, when used as a traffic barrier for example, can withstand extremely high impacts from vehicles. The fence remains undamaged and returns to its original position after the impact. Enclosed are copies of test certificates confirming that the fence complies with rigorous British standards relating to barriers.

The references of record do not teach or suggest the claimed fence construction. Claims 16-25 are therefore allowable.

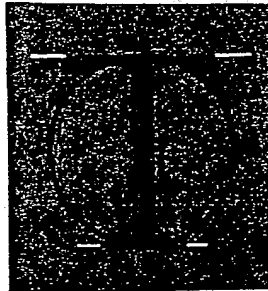
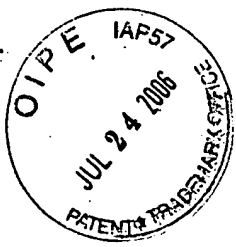
In view of the foregoing, entry of the above amendment and allowance of claims 16-25 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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TEST CERTIFICATE

Traffic Barrier

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Ref No: S2779
Job No: A4722

Date Tested: 06/10/2005
Date Reported: 20/10/2005

Site

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Rack End

Barrier System

Test Specification:

BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers.

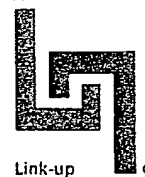
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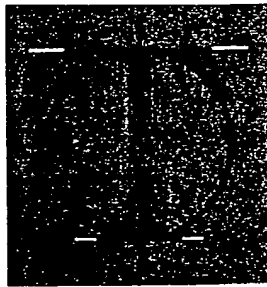
Test No.	Test Specification	Load (KN)	Max Deflection (mm)	Remarks (Pass/Fail)
1	Horizontal uniformly Distributed load impact between posts	49	235	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996. PASS

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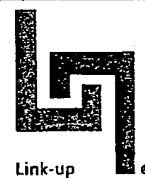
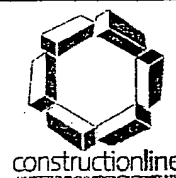
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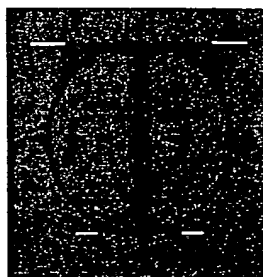
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Test No.	Test Specification	Load (KN)	Max Deflection (mm)	Remarks (Pass/Fail)
1	Horizontal uniformly Distributed load impact between posts	52.5	195	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996. PASS
2	Horizontal uniformly Distributed load impact on middle post	49	245	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996. PASS

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Barrier System

Traffic Plus Barrier, 2 Horizontal Rails

Test Specification:

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(As directed by the Client)

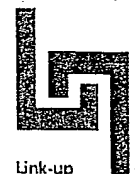
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Test No.	Test Specification	Load (kN)	Max Deflection (mm)	Remarks (Pass/Fail)
1	Horizontal uniformly Distributed line load (kN/m)	1.5	95	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS
2	A uniformly distributed load applied to the infill (kN/m ²)	1.5	47	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS
3	A point load applied to part of the infill (kN)	1.5	125	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS

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Barrier System

Traffic Plus Barrier, Vertical infill panel

Test Specification:

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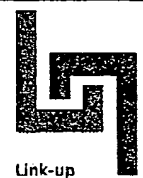
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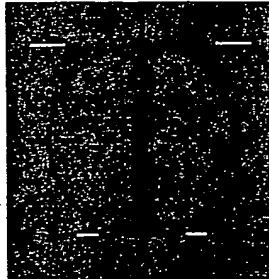
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Test No.	Test Specification	Load (kN)	Max Deflection (mm)	Remarks (Pass/Fail)
1	Horizontal uniformly Distributed line load (kN/m)	1.5	90	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS
2	A uniformly distributed load applied to the infill (kN/m ²)	1.5	55	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS
3	A point load applied to part of the infill (kN)	1.5	110	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS

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Test No.	Test Specification	Load (KN)	Max Deflection (mm)	Remarks (Pass/Fail)
1	Horizontal uniformly Distributed line load (kN/m)	1.5	56	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS
2	A uniformly distributed load applied to the infill (kN/m ²)	1.5	31	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS
3	A point load applied to part of the infill (kN)	1.5	93	Conforms to BS 6399 Part 1 : 1996 Table 4 (xi) Minimum horizontal loads for barriers. PASS

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